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THOUSANDS KILLED AS TERRORISTS ATTACK U.S.A.

Editor's note: *Black Tuesday* – September 11, 2001. It's another *Day of Infamy* and indeed the U.S. is now at war with international terrorism. Years from now people will still recall what they were doing when they first heard the news. This isn't the kind of story Calpeek had planned on writing after coming off two weeks of vacation. Here's our analysis & commentary...

...Millions of Americans who read the Tom Clancy novel *Executive Orders* had a preview of what actually happened Sept. 11th. As Tuesday morning moved into the afternoon and evening, the *numbness* caused from repeatedly watching the *surrealistic* video of that second plane crashing into the south tower of the World Trade Center gradually turned to *outrage*. The mood all over the U.S. is for revenge at those who planned the attack and Americans want to retaliate against those nations which continue to provide a safe place for the terrorists to reside. This was the worst terrorist attack *ever!!!*

...Americans probably never thought that such a well coordinated attack could be pulled off – despite the fact that terrorists had in fact bombed the World Trade Center in 1993. Most anti-terrorism sources think the attacks were the work of terrorist Osama Bin Laden, but that's not a given. Former GOP and Demo White House and State Dept. officials are saying this terrorist attack is the *worst U.S. intelligence failure* since Pearl Harbor, but it's too early to assess the political fallout and right now the country is rallying behind President George W. Bush...

...There were at least 50,000 people working in both of the WTC's twin towers when the two planes hit. No telling yet how many thousands of people were killed – perhaps 5,000 to 10,000. The death toll at the Pentagon was thought to be 800, but it may not be that high. FYI: former ARCO executive George Ross, now a VP with L.A.-based Cerrell Associates, has a son who worked on the 51st floor in one of towers. He was lucky. His son escaped. All 4 planes which were hijacked and crashed were headed for Calif., thus all were topped off with fuel. In addition to the Pentagon in the

DC area, the White House itself may have been a target...

...The U.S. remains at Threatcon Delta – the highest state of security alert, but slowly things are returning to normal in all places except NYC and DC...

...As Calpeek hit deadline, there were still more questions than answers, but the U.S. House & Senate Intelligence Committees will have their hands full over the next few months, sorting out what went wrong. But one doesn't need to be a member of either panel to know these things: 1) There was a huge *breakdown in security* at 3 major U.S. airports. Until the FAA forces the airlines to employ highly trained security forces at U.S. airports, including Sky Marshals, the threat to U.S. passengers will remain rather high. Question: did the terrorists have inside help? If so, do the airlines need better screening for airport employees? 2) Overall *border security* must be improved. This should include all three coasts (Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific) as well as the U.S. northern and southern borders. And 3) The INS had better get its act together about letting non-U.S. citizens into this country. Remember that CBS-TV *60 Minutes* story about 1-2 years ago? What's been done since that time??? Stay tuned...

CALIF. REMAPPING PROCESS ALMOST COMPLETED.

Editor's note: As Calpeek hit deadline, the Demo consultants and key Demo lawmakers who are in charge of Calif.'s **reapportionment** process were putting the finishing touches to State's new plans. We'll actually know much more next week, but here's our overview, analysis & commentary. We will do another, longer remap story next week...

...For the first time in more than 20 years, Demos were in *total control* of the reapportionment process. In 1991, the last time new lines for the Assembly, State Senate, U.S. House and Bd. of Equalization seats were redrawn, Demos submitted a plan to former GOP Gov. Pete Wilson, who promptly vetoed the proposal. The CA Supreme Court was thus put in charge of drawing new lines – and as it turned out, Wilson would have been smart had he taken the Demo deal. That brings us to *Remap 2001*...

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...What has emerged, as Calpeek sources predicted some time ago, is an incumbent protection plan which basically locks in the current numbers in the Assembly, State Senate and U.S. House. In other words, a guarantee to the **GOP** of **30** Assembly seats, **14** State Senate seats and **20** U.S. House seats. That means Demos have **50** Assembly seats; **26** State Senate seats; and **33** U.S. House seats (an increase of 1 because the new U.S. House seat is in a heavy Latino/Demo area of Southeast L.A. County). The big losers in the new remap plan may be campaign consultants. They may not have that much work in the years ahead under this plan...

...Overall, GOP Legislative Leaders (read that as Sen. Jim Brulte and Assemblyman Dave Cox) are pleased with the new plans and they expect their members to provide the necessary votes to pass all 4 plans with a 2/3rds vote, thus making the plans safe from a referendum. Brulte is especially happy with the U.S. House deal – and that was his #1 goal because as reapportionment takes place across the U.S., there's no telling how many seats will be won or lost by each side. And given the narrow majority now held by the GOP in the U.S. House, a pick up of only one new seat by Calif. Demos has to be considered a big win by the GOP. And in fact, there are sources who say the CA U.S. House deal was pre-approved by the Bush White House...

...And that's why Demo U.S. House Leader Dick Gephardt isn't a happy camper. The plan was designed by consultant Michael Berman – Howard's brother. Michael learned the art of remapping from the master, the late Phil Burton (D-S.F.), CA Sen. Pres. John Burton's older brother. Given what Phil Burton did to the GOP in Calif. in 1981, it's no wonder Brulte is smiling. Berman could have used creative art to give the Demos 2-3 more seats, which is what Gephardt wanted. But a decision was made early on not to go overboard. Better to give the GOP a plan they could live with and pass the plan with a 2/3rds vote...

...The only casualty was U.S. Rep. Steve Horn (R-Long Beach). As predicted by Calpeek sources, he lost his 38th CD – but isn't crying, unlike several Demos and some Latino activists who don't especially like the new U.S. House lines. As Calpeek hit deadline, there was still movement with regard to several CDs. Stay tuned...

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THE CONDIT WATCH: WILL CONDIT RETIRE AT THE END OF HIS TERM – OR SEEK REELECTION IN 2002??

Editor's note: Calpeek went on vacation the day that U.S. Rep. Gary Condit (D-Ceres) did his now infamous interview with ABC-TV's Connie Chung. To say the interview was a political disaster for Condit is an understatement. Here's our update & analysis...

...In our Aug. 27th issue, Calpeek said Condit must do 3 things in the Chung interview: answer all questions with candor; apologize for his behavior & ask for forgiveness; and convince 18th CD voters he had nothing to do with Chandra Levy's disappearance. He failed on all 3 counts and thus virtually all pundits now view Condit's career of 30 years as political toast...

...The ABC-TV interview (as well as some a local tv interview) showed Condit to be icy cold – no warmth or feeling. CA Demo Party chair Art Torres said it best in a 9/3/01 quote from George Skelton's Capitol Journal column: "Unless you're willing to be forthcoming and ask for forgiveness, it's not going to sit well with voters." Demo U.S. House leader Dick Gephardt, as well as CA Gov. Gray Davis (D) also were disappointed in Condit's lack of candor – and they went public...

...So what's next? Will Condit seek reelection in 2002? Most sources think Condit will shortly announce that he won't seek another term. That should take the heat off, but puts lots of pressure on the DCCC and Sacto Demos to recruit a candidate who can hold the new 18th CD. Contrary to what some pundits have said, regardless of Condit's current trouble, the 18th CD would have moved northward to become more Demo in registration. Thus Condit was not remapped out of his CD. So who runs if Condit doesn't???

...Topping the list is current 26th District Assemblyman Dennis Cardoza, a close Condit ally – perhaps too close. Demos had carved out a nice Senate District for Cardoza to run in, but those plans might be scrapped. Former State Sen. Pat Johnston of Stockton would be the best candidate – very well liked, but he probably won't run. Current State Sen. Mike Machado of Stockton is in his first year in the State Senate. It cost the Demos millions of dollars to elect him and he barely won. And he's not the world's best campaigner either. Finally there is Alan Sawyer, the current deputy chief at the Office of Criminal Justice Planning. He's a former Deputy DA from San Joaquin Co. Very close to Gov. Davis and a key player for Davis in the Central Valley...

CALIF. REPUBLICAN PARTY CANCELS CONVENTION

The Calif. Republican Party(CRP) has decided to cancel its Sept. 14-16 convention at the LAX Marriott Hotel. A debate over whether to cancel had been raging since the afternoon of Sept. 11th. Sources say the convention won't be rescheduled, but the ongoing controversy over a pending by-laws and rules change could be resolved in the near future using the 100-member CRP Executive Committee acting for the entire central committee. No date as yet for this possible Executive Committee meeting. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN 2002: UPDATE ON STATEWIDE CONTESTS.

Editor's note: Here are some brief updates on Statewide races for 2002...

☒ ***Will Demo AG Lockyer Get a GOP Opponent?*** Perhaps. Up to this point, Demo Atty. General Bill Lockyer hasn't seen or heard anything about a serious GOP rival for 2002. But that might change. Rumor is that GOP Assemblyman Rod Pacheco of Riverside may run. For those with short memories, Pacheco is a former GOP Assembly Leader and before his election to the legislature he was a Deputy DA in Riverside Co. He's a Latino who is pro-choice...

☒ ***Davis Adds More Endorsements*** – Demo Calif. Gov. Gray Davis is adding to his already impressive list of endorsements for 2002. As noted in Calpeek's last issue, Davis won support from many of the key line cop groups, including PORAC, ALADS, COPS, LAPPL and others. Now Davis has picked up backing from some key labor organizations around Calif., including Central Labor Councils in San Bernardino, Riverside, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, Inyo, Mono, Kern, Humboldt and Del Norte counties. The governor also won endorsements from the State Building & Construction Trades Council of Calif., the CA School Employees Assn., and six local units of IBEW...

...In addition to these recent labor endorsements, Davis also picked up the endorsements of 8 mayors from some of Calif.'s bigger cities. These include: Ron Gonzales of San Jose (3rd largest city); Willie Brown of S.F. (4th largest city); Beverly O'Neill of Long Beach(5); Heather Fargo of Sacramento(7); Jerry Brown of Oakland(8); Miguel Pulido of Santa Ana(9); Tom Daly of Anaheim(10); and Judy Valles of San Bernardino(18). MIA was L.A.'s new mayor, Jim Hahn. The Calif. Republican Party made a big deal out this – with an email headline which read, "Paging Jimmy Hahn... Gray Missed You!!!" Oh well...

☒ ***Garamendi & Executive Life*** – One of the more controversial (and very complex) issues which surfaced

during former Insurance Comm. John Garamendi's only term in office was the demise of high flying L.A.-based Executive Life Insurance Co. It's probably something Garamendi would just as soon forget as he again runs for Insurance Commissioner, but thanks to Bill Rempel of the L.A. Times (9/9) the whole thing got rehashed and again Garamendi's role in the 1991 bailout comes into focus – and it's not all that flattering. But Rempel's story is so complex that we doubt many people actually read it, except for political junkies...

☒ ***No More Chad*** – Ask former CA Sec. of State March Fong Eu(D) just about any question and you'll get the same answer: No More Chad! It doesn't make any difference what the question is. Eu has picked up the endorsement of L.A. Co. Sheriff Lee Baca and Assemblywoman Carol Liu(D). FYI: Liu has also endorsed Eu rival Kevin Shelley. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN 2002: CALIFORNIA INITIATIVE UPDATE.

Editor's note: There are 6 initiatives circulating, trying to make either the March or November 2002 ballot. Here's a brief update & chart...

<u>Name</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Statute or C/A</u>
Citizen Clemency Boards	9/17/01	C/A
Legislative Term Limits	10/1/01	C/A
Tobacco – Pt. of Sales	10/1/01	Statute
Welfare Benefits for Children	10/12/01	Statute
Natural Gas	10/26/01	C/A
Term Limit Requirements	12/10/01	Statue

...Of this group, the Legislative Term Limits initiative is thought to have the best shot at qualifying...

...In addition to the above, there are 4 initiatives pending at the AG's office for Title & Summary. These include: ***Calif. Evans Child Protection Act*** by Mervin Evans; ***Labeling of Genetically Engineered Foods*** by Simon Harris; ***Unborn Children*** by Antonio Camcam; and ***The People's Gaming Act*** by Robert W. Wilson...

...Thus far there are only two measures on the Mar. 5, 2002 ballot: Insurance Fraud and Transportation Funding(ACA 4). However, it appears likely there will be another legislative constitutional amendment placed on the ballot: ACA 9 by Assemblyman John Longville(D-Rialto). This ACA says, "A voter who casts a vote in an election in accordance with the laws of this state shall have that vote counted." Stay tuned...

stand twice. Some sources think Roberti will endorse LaBonge in the runoff, but aren't sure where Roberti's supporters will end up. LaBonge did not attack Roberti directly, but some of his supporters did...

...Garfield spent more than \$500,000 (she loaned herself \$350,000), but LaBonge was well funded too. Calpeek sources aren't sure who will win the Oct. 23rd runoff, but LaBonge, by his first place primary win, should be considered the frontrunner for now. Stay tuned...

CALPEEK'S CALENDAR OF POLITICAL EVENTS

Sept. 28-29	CA Political Attorneys Assn. convention, Monterey.
Oct. 9-12	Regional Council of Rural Counties, annual conference, Tenaya Lodge, Mariposa Co.
Oct. 14	Last day for Gov. Davis to sign bills.
Oct. 23	Runoff election, L.A. City Council Dist. #4.
Oct. 26	13 th annual VICA Business Forecast Conf. at Warner Center Marriott Hotel.
Oct. 29	Calif. candidate declaration of intent for 2002.
Nov. 6	S.F. Municipal Election.
Nov. 9-12	IAPC 34 th World Conference, Malta.
Nov. 15	Calif.'s Future in the Balance seminar sponsored by Pat Brown Inst., AT&T – Wilshire Grand Hotel, L.A.
Dec. 4-8	Nat'l League of Cities convention, Atlanta.
Dec. 11	Special election – L.A. City 2 nd Council Dist.

CALPEEK'S INFOBAHN: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few items, political & otherwise, worth noting...

■ **Dymally to Run for Assembly** – Former Calif. Lt. Governor/U.S. Rep. Mervyn Dymally(D) told Calpeek he will run for Assemblyman Carl Washington's 52nd AD seat next November. Dymally served 1 term in the Assembly from 1961-62 and then served in the State Senate from 1966-75. He served 1 term as Calif.'s Lt. Governor and then served from 1980-92 in the U.S. House before retiring from public office. The only other name we've heard of who may be looking here is Ms. Alex Rookers, 1st Vice Chair of the CA Demo Party. She's Latino and if she runs this would set up a very interesting Demo primary: African American vs. Latina. The seat has been represented by African Americans for a long time, but the area itself is in transition, meaning that the Latino population in the 52nd AD is significant...

■ **Full Metal Jacket** – As Calpeek hit deadline, it appeared likely that two high profile gun bills (AB 35 by Kevin Shelley and SB 52 by Jack Scott) would win final legislative approval. Both bills deal with *handgun ac-*

quisition licensing. Sources say both bills have been heavily amended and at least one of the key line cop groups, PORAC, is now in support. However, the CA State Sheriffs Assn. still have problems with these bills. Whether this will cause Gov. Gray Davis(D) to veto these bills remains unclear...

■ **Davis Signs Campaign Disclosure Bill** – Gov. Davis has signed SB 34 by State Senate Pres. John Burton(D). This bill requires contributions of \$5,000 or more to candidates or ballot measures be reported within 10 working days – outside the 90-day election cycle. The bill also makes some technical changes to Prop. 34, approved by voters last year...

■ **Calpeek's Legal File** – The Calif. FPPC has dismissed a complaint against the CA Demo Party, alleging that the CDP and "its donors had illegally earmarked contributions" to the L.A. Mayoral candidate of Antonio Villaraigosa...

■ **Living Wage Law Referendum Qualifies** – Backers of a referendum to repeal a recently approved law requiring certain hotels and restaurants in Santa Monica to pay a living wage – minimum of \$10.50 per hour – appear to have turned in enough signatures. Santa Monica officials say FAIR (Fighting Against Irresponsible Regulation) turned in 7,145 valid names. 6,026 were required. The wage hike is

CALPEEK'S NEW JOBS AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

● A sad note: former Demo State Sen. Rose Ann Vuich, 74, died Aug. 30th at her home in Dinuba from Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease. She was the first woman to serve in the CA State Senate and was a strong advocate for the Central Valley and ag interests. R.I.P...

● Savvy Demo political/cmp. consultant Andrew Acosta has joined the staff of Sacto-based Kaufman Campaign Consultants...

● The new media director at L.A.-based Cerrell Assoc. is George S. McQuade III. He was a co-founder of MAYO Communications and was pr director for the L.A. City Housing Authority. He's also worked at SCAG, the So. Calif. Gas Co. and for KNBC-TV News...

● Pollster Paul Goodwin has left GLS Research to form Goodwin Simon Strategic Research with new partner Amy Simon. Goodwin will continue to operate out of his current office at 5757 Century Blvd., Ste. 604, L.A. 90045. (310) 410-1093. email paul@goodwinsimon.com...